

(c) whether the proposal was placed before the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA); and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when it is likely to be placed before the CCEA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI K. J. ALPHONS): (a) and (b) A project proposal for setting up of Information Technology Investment Region (ITIR) in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh was received in Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) on 26th August, 2014.

(c) and (d) The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) while considering the proposal of ITIR Bhubaneswar which was received on 13.04.2010, had directed that Information Technology Investment Region Policy Resolution, 2008 be comprehensively re-examined in light of the experience gained over time and placed before the Committee. A Note has been submitted to Cabinet Secretariat for consideration of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on amendment in ITIR policy. The proposal of Government of Andhra Pradesh to set up ITIR in Visakhapatnam will be put up for the consideration of CCEA subject to the approval of amendment of ITIR Policy Resolution, 2008 by CCEA.

Jobs in IT Sector

95. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the IT sector is expected to see upto 38 per cent fewer jobs this fiscal as compared to last fiscal, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the country needs to take more actions to ensure high percentage of employment in IT sector, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI K.J. ALPHONS): (a) No, Sir. The IT Sector is expected to continue to be a net hirer in this fiscal.

(b) The industry, both globally and in India, is witnessing unprecedented technology driven changes. These demand new sets of skills and are opening opportunities for newer job roles. The stakeholders covering industry, academia and Sector Skills Councils are working to ensure that the existing workforce is re-skilled/up-skilled in emerging technologies and job roles. Most companies (large, medium and small) are also implementing rigorous training programs to re-skill/up-skill their existing employees in new and emerging technologies.